## 2.2 ANDHRA PRADESH

2.2.1 Administration: Shri M.V.S. Prasada Rau, I.A.S. succeeded Shri S. Venkatarmaiah I.A.S. as Director of State Archives, Andhra Pradesh, on 12th April, 1978. He was assisted by 3 Assistant Directors and a Research Officer. The latter continued to attend to the work of cataloguing of Mughal and Asaf Jahi Records. The present strength of the Department is 6 Gazetted posts; 70 non-gazetted technical posts and 109 non-gazetted non-technical posts.

Proposal for creation of 3 non-gazetted posts viz., one Mender, one L.D. Typist and one Attender for the Regional Office at Tirupati was renewed, and it is under consideration of the Government.

2.2.2 Budget: During 1978-79 a sum of Rs.14,29,800 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.14,74,600 on the non-plan side. On the plan side a sum of Rs.1,77,200 was spent out of the provision of Rs.2,00,000. For 1979-80 a sum of Rs.15,13,300 has been provided on the non-plan side, and a sum of Rs.1,00,000 on the plan side.

2.2.3 Building: The Andhra Pradesh State Archives has a building of its own. A site has also been allotted in the Sri Venkateshwara University Campus, Tirupati, for construction of the new building for the Regional Office.

2.2.4 Record Management: Records of the erstwhile Government of Hyderabad relating to the Home Department were examined. However no retention schedule was followed while reviewing the records.

2.2.5 Research and Reference: During the period 98 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities, 13,002 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and 3,881 by research scholars. 2,509 queries on records from private agencies/ individuals were attended to.

2.2.6 Reference Media: During the period under report, work regarding accession of the following collections was continued, Salar Jung Collection; Hazrat Khwaja Banda Nawaz Collection, Ghias Siddiqui Collection and Hussain Ali Khan Collection. Besides, the accession work regarding Collections of Mir Allauddin Hussain and Hussain-al-Yafai was also undertaken. The work regarding preparation of Calendar of the family and private collections and compilation of a descriptive catalogue of Mughal Archives pertaining to the reign of Shahjahan (1628-1658) was also continued. In this connection work on volume II and IV was completed and these are likely to be sent to the press soon while work on Volume III is in progress. The work regarding preparation of Catalogue of Emperor Aurangzeb's documents was also continued and work on Volume I is nearing completion. Besides, work regarding preparation of summary inventory of the "Retain Disposals of

Chittor District" was taken up by the staff of Regional Office, Tirupati. The work regarding preparation of guides to Kurnool district Records was also continued and in this connection so far 13 volumes consisting of 1858 letters covering 6,810 pages were indexed.

2.2.7 Publication Programme: Under this programme the work regarding preparation of catalogues of microfilm copies of Mackenzie and Brown Collections was attended to, and in this connection 2,137 folios of the microfilm copies were verified to complete the catalogue. Also during the period, three monographs viz., 'Gooty Kesava Pillai', 'The Social Sciences of Archives-Keeping' and 'Nawab Imad-ul-Mulk were printed while two monographs viz., 'Industrial Finances in former Hyderabad State' and 'Administration of Justice under the Nizams' are under print. Besides, Volume VI No.I of the bi-annual journal 'Itihasa' was also published.

2.2.8 Photo-Duplication: The Andhra Pradesh State Archives, Hyderabad, has its own microfilm unit. During the period under report, 9,016 frames of microfilm negatives, 21,450 microfilm positives, 334 copies of microfilm enlargements and 204 photo enlargements of different sizes were prepared and supplied to the research scholars.

2.2.9 Preservation of Records: During the period under report 91,749 sheets were repaired with tissue paper and chiffon (including 67,918 sheets which were given minor repair). 25,951 sheets were guarded, while 783 documents were bound. 798 books and 8,096 files and Government orders were stitched.

2.2.10 Library: During the period under review, 815 books were acquired.

2.2.11 Other Activities: The Andhra Pradesh State Archives participated in the Exhibition organized on the occasion of the 46th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Aurangabad in January, 1979. The Director of State Archives, Shri M.V.S. Prasada Rau attended the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Conferences of the Institute of Historical Studies held in Dibrugarh (October 1978) and Gangtok (May 1979), respectively. He also attended the meetings of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress and the Indian History Congress held at Vijayawada (August 1978) and Hyderabad (December 1978), respectively.

Eleven trainees from the State Archives were also admitted to the Correspondence Course introduced by the Institute of Archival Training, National Archives of India.